



Guernsey Hockey LBG – UMPIRE GUIDELINES

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The FIH have made changes to some of the rules and we shall be following the lead from England Hockey and introducing them with effect from 1st September 2010.

They will apply to the Men's Leagues, Women's League and all Cup Competitions organised by the GHLBG.

Introduction of new 2011 - 2012 Rules

With reference to the numbered Rules in the 2009 edition of the Hockey Rules the changes are:

Rule 9.15: "Players must not force an opponent into offending unintentionally".

This Rule is deleted.

Rule 13.1: Location of a free hit.

This former Mandatory Experimental Rule becomes a full Rule of Hockey.

Rule 13.1.d: "A free hit awarded inside the circle to the defence is taken anywhere inside the circle or up to 15 metres from the back-line in line with the location of the offence, parallel to the side-line".

The option of taking the free hit "anywhere inside the circle" is deleted.

Rule 13.2: Taking a free hit, centre pass and putting the ball back into play after it has been outside the field.

This former Mandatory Experimental Rule becomes a full Rule of Hockey.

Rule 13.3.h: "Taking a penalty corner ... until the ball has been played, no attacker other than the one taking the push or hit from the back-line is permitted to enter the circle". When an attacker enters the circle before permitted, the penalty corner is taken again except that when attackers persistently enter the circle before permitted, a free hit is awarded to the defence.

In the full printed set of Rules, the penalties which apply for an offence during the taking of a penalty corner will listed in detail.

Rule 13.9.a: "For an offence during the taking of a penalty stroke". If the stroke is taken before the whistle has been blown and a goal is scored, it is **taken again**.



Rule 13.9.c: “For an offence during the taking of a penalty stroke ... for any other offence by the player defending the stroke which prevents a goal being scored”. Instead of a goal being awarded, the penalty stroke is taken again.

This means that Rules 13.9.c and 13.9.d both now lead to the penalty stroke being taken again.

With reference to Rule 13.3.h, notification has not yet been received of the listed penalties. They will be circulated in due course.

These changes appear to be fairly straight forward and should present little difficulty in their application.

For information – Statement issued by the England Hockey Board

The Board of the England Hockey Board has approved the introduction of the new 2011-12 Rules of Hockey (Outdoor and Indoor) at the start of the coming hockey season (1 September 2010).

This decision is supported by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) and follows a proposal from the Officiating & Rules Committee.

Implementing the new rules on 1 September 2010 will ensure that all competitions are played under a consistent set of rules for the entire season. With the significance of the indoor change and our indoor England Hockey League and National Knock-Out Competitions in counties and regions starting pre-Christmas, it was agreed that to have the competitions start with old rules and then conclude with new would be very difficult.

Additionally, the decision is supported by the recognition that the new Rules are almost all matter of fact and not judgmental in any respect. No change should prove confusing or difficult for any player, umpire or coach to understand. Umpiring Associations should not need to arrange meetings to discuss these changes. Many will, of course, but those who cannot get a date fixed at short notice should still be able to notify umpires easily without risk of misinterpretation.